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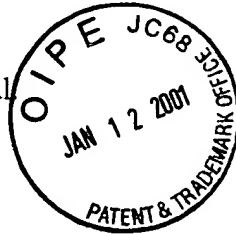
In re Application of

Sing-Wang CHENG, et al

Serial No.: 09/373,605

Filed: August 13, 1999

For: HEAT TEMPERATURE RAISING SYSTEM



Group Art Unit: 3743

Examiner: C. Atkinson

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of December 12, 2000 in this application.

In the Official Action, restriction was required between the inventions identified as claims 28-47, drawn to heat transfer purification, and claims 48-52, drawn to a valve.

In response to this requirement, Applicants elect claim 28-47, drawn to heat transfer purification.

The requirement for restriction is respectfully traversed on the grounds that the claims of the application are directed to a purification method in claims 28-47 and apparatus including a valve in claims 48-52 which can be used to practice the method of the invention. It is submitted therefore that the claims should be considered on the merits in a single application. Accordingly, reconsideration of the requirement for restriction is respectfully requested.

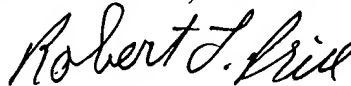
It is noted that this restriction requirement follows a requirement for election of species made in the Official Action of August 29, 2000. In the next Official Action, it is requested that the Examiner confirm whether or not the election requirement is still in existence or whether it had been superceded by this requirement for restriction.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and action on the merits is now in order.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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